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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS DECISION

1. TUESDAY (JUNE 17) EDITIONS OF MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES
GAVE TOP FRONT PAGE PLAY TO MONDAY'S MEETINGS OF THE
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE CABINET AS WELL AS TO
SPECULATION ABOUT THE CONTENT OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S
ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY MORNING.

2. SEVERAL ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING HURRIYET'S, REPORTED THAT
A NOTE WILL BE SENT TO THE U.S. SAYING THAT INSTALLATION
CLOSINGS WILL BEGIN TO BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER JULY 15 UNLESS
THE ARMS EMBARGO IS LIFTED. THE NOTE REPORTEDLY WOULD
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DECLARE THAT BECAUSE OF U.S. ACTION, TURKEY WOULD FEEL

FREE TO ABROGATE BI-LATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S.

3. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET, SECRETARY KISSINGER TELEPHONED ANKARA FOUR TIMES DURING MONDAY'S MEETINGS AND CONVEYED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO. THE MESSAGE REPORTEDLY DID MUCH TO EASE THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AND PERSUADED PARTICIPANTS TO AGREE TO A 30 DAY DELAY BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTALLATION SHUT-DOWNS.

4. IN CONTRAST TO THE HURRIYET ACCOUNT, MILLIYET REPORTED A STORY IN THE WASHINGTON POST BY MURREY MARDER THAT ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO HAD FAILED.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN TUESDAY EDITIONS OF PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS PRAISED PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE EMBARGO PROBLEM. HURRIYET SAID "... DEMIREL'S ACTIVE AND CONCLUSIVE MEASURES ARE AWAITED. AS HE VERY WELL KNOWS, IN THIS MATTER, ALL OF TURKEY WILL BE ON HIS SIDE. WHETHER HE WANTS TO OR NOT, BOTH LEFTISTS AND RIGHTISTS FAVOR HIS TAKING ACTION. PERHAPS THE LEFT HAS MORE EXTREME DESIRES. BUT DEMIREL, AS THE PERSON WHO WILL ELIMINATE AMERICAN PRESSURE FROM TURKEY, WILL GAIN GREAT CREDIT AND TURKEY WILL ACHIEVE HER TRUE PLACE."

6. PRO-DEMIREL SON HAVADIS SAID IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE EMBARGO ISSUE, DEMIREL HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE TURKISH NATION. "NO HARMFUL ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN ANGER. WHATEVER HAPPENS, TURKEY WILL TAKE MEASURES WHICH WILL ENABLE HER TO MAINTAIN HER MILITARY STRENGTH. OUR COUNTRY MAY HAVE TO SHOULDER HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDENS. BUT NATURALLY, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TURKEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES. AND, AS A RESULT, THE JOINT DEFENSE OF THE NATO NATIONS WILL BE GREATLY HARMED.
"WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES MAY EMERGE, TURKEY WILL NOT MAKE THE SMALLEST SACRIFICE OF HER DIGNITY."

7. IN CONTRAST TO PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS, THERE WAS LITTLE COMMENT ON THE ARMS EMBARGO ISSUE IN THE LEFT-WING,
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OPPOSITION PRESS TUESDAY. HOWEVER, ILHAN SELCUK, WRITING IN LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET, DECLARED: "...DEMIREL, WHO HAS ANNOUNCED THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE ATLANTIC POLICY, NOW HOPES FOR THE HELP OF EUROPE AND NATO. LET US IMMEDIATELY SAY THAT THIS VIEW IS ALSO WRONG AND SUCH A POLICY WILL BE INSUFFICIENT UNDER CHANGING WORLD CONDITIONS ...IF (TURKEY) PERSISTS IN TODAY'S BASIC FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH, SHE WILL FIND BOTH HER "EUROPEAN FRIENDS" AND THE THIRD

WORLD AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHOM SHE HAS NEVER THOUGHT
OF CULTIVIATING, TO BE AGAINST HER."
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